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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SYRIA-IRAN RELATIONS

1. AT A SOCIAL OCCASION EVENING OF APRIL 10, JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT SYRIAN AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN SUMMONED TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE EARLIER IN THE DAY TO ACCOUNT FOR OR EXPLAIN THE MEANING OF PUBLIC REMARKS THAT HAD BEEN MADE RECENTLY BY THE HEAD OF THE SYRIAN BAATH PARTY CRITICIZING THE RECENT IRAQ-IRAN AGREEMENT AND CHARGING THAT IRAQ WAS GIVING AWAY ITS TERRITORY.

2. WHILE WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT TRANSPIRED AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE WHEN THE SYRIAN AMBASSADOR CALLED, IT ALMOST CERTAINLY WAS A PAINFUL EXERCISE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A VERY SUBSTANTIAL IRANIAN LOAN TO SYRIA MAY DEPEND ON THE ADEQUACY OF THE AMBASSADOR'S EXPLANATION. THIS SEEMS TO BE BORNE OUT BY THE VERY GLUM LOOK THE SYRIAN AMBASSADOR HAD ON HIS FACE ALL EVENING AT THE SAME SOCIAL OCCASION.

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